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In re patent application of:	§	JUL 10 2003
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Serial No.: 09/672,131	§	Group Art Unit: 2189
Filed: September 27, 2000	§	Examiner: Lee, Christopher E.
For: MECHANISM TO DISABLE	§	
DYNAMICALLY A COMPUTER	§	
AUDIO INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR	§	

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 8 are amended and claims 4, 11 and 16 are cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-15 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.